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SUBJECT: Briefing of Dr. Kissinger by Colonel Carlson
 of the Joint Staff

DATE: August 5, 1972

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Kissinger
 General Haig
 Commander Howe
 Colonel Carlson
 Colonel Everhard

The following are excerpts from the August 5, 1972 briefing:

Colonel Carlson: The weather is bad.

Dr. Kissinger: I can hardly wait for the rainy season.

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Dr. Kissinger: What are rice collecting teams?

Colonel Carlson: North of Kon Tum there has been a shortage of food.
The enemy is attempting to collect food for itself.

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Dr. Kissinger: Can you give the order of battle of the GVN in MR 3?
Where is the 25th Division?

Colonel Carlson: In Thai Ninh there are elements of the 5th Division.

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Dr. Kissinger: Then COSVN is right that there is only one ARVN regiment in the area?

Colonel Carlson: Yes sir.

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Colonel Carlson: We are outnumbered (referring to situation in the Delta). The 9th Division has not moved.

Dr. Kissinger: Could we inquire why?

Colonel Carlson: The 21st Division is now in its retraining cycle, and it will provide replacements for the 9th.

Dr. Kissinger: From what are they retraining?

Colonel Carlson: They took a large number of casualties in the action along Route 13.

Dr. Kissinger: Lots of casualties?

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Dr. Kissinger: It looks like the only thing we have not tried is ^{Reginal} Rachel Welch on roller skates.

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